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Atlantic City Awarded 2 Food Security Planning Grants From NJEDA

Atlantic City, N.J. (May 12, 2023) – The City of Atlantic City will receive two Food Security Planning Grants from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) to help address the city's food desert issue.

A \$125,000 grant will be used to pay a portion of the costs associated with planning the development of the Midtown Co-op Market, located at 7 S. Carolina Avenue. Ideal Institute of Technology will lead this effort. An \$89,000 grant will help plan the development of a Food Pantry located at the Ginsburg Bakery site at 300 N. Tennessee Avenue. Mighty Writers, a nonprofit that is active in the Westside Neighborhood, will lead this effort. The NJEDA grant requires the property owner to support the application.

"Atlantic City is taking full advantage of the State's support to improve food access for our residents," said Mayor Marty Small, Sr. "Grants like this will help us in our quest to ensure the people of the great City of Atlantic City have the access to the quality and nutritious food they deserve."

The NJEDA awarded nine Food Security Planning Grants throughout New Jersey, totaling over \$1-million. According to the NJEDA, the Food Security Planning Grant Program provides grants to municipal governments, county governments, and/or redevelopment agencies to fund development of plans to decrease food insecurity in designated Food Desert Communities (FDC).

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